

REMARKS

The entire corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section of applicant's amendment of February 26, 2007, is being resubmitted.

Also, the Notice states that the amendment filed February 26, 2007, "is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4." However, the amendment was signed with the following S-signature: "/rlb/", which is in full compliance with 37 CFR 1.4. As stated in MPEP 502.02(II) under "S-signature":

To accommodate as many varieties of names as possible, a signer may select any combination of letters, Arabic numerals, or both, for his or her S-signature under 37 CFE 1.4(d)(2)(i)...

While an S-signature need not be the name of the signer of the document, the Office strongly suggests that each signer use an S-signature that has his or her full name. The Office expects that where persons do not sign with their name it will be because they are using an S-signature that is the usual S-signature for that person, which is his or her own signature, and not something that is employed to obfuscate or misidentify the signer.

Accordingly, the use of initials as the S-signature is permitted. The undersigned also states that the undersigned's usual S-signature is undersigned's initials.

In re of Appln. No. 10/070,255

Withdrawal of this part of the Notice is respectfully urged.

The remarks section of applicants' amendment of February 26, 2007, is still applicable and is incorporated herein.

Favorable consideration and examination is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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